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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/6/2003; 4/1/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-3,5,7,11-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed April 01, 2004 has been considered and has been made of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schade et al (USP 4,163,101).

Schade et al (USP 4,163,101) discloses a method for the preparation of poly-(alkylpentamethyleneterephthalamides), containing if desired , up to 50 mole-% (with respect to the sum of all dicarboxylic acid moieties or diamines moieties) of moieties of other diamines, dicarboxylic acids and /or aminocarboxylic acids or their lactams incorporated into them by condensation, characterized by heating aqueous solutions of the corresponding nylon salts mixed with also water-soluble oligoamides of low molecular weight, together with the structural units forming the nylon salts, doing so all the way thorough or at least from a product temperature of 130o to 150oC, at normal pressure, with distillation of the water and any other volatile components until the final polycondensation temperature of 250o to 300oC, preferably 260o to 280oC is

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reached which anticipates the claimed invention. See col. 3, lines 26-45; example 8.

Claims 2-3,5,7,11-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. These references are cited to show the state of the art of polyamides, polyamide resin compositions; Heinrich, Oka and Yamamoto.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia Hightower whose telephone number is (571) 272-1073. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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